

# City Times

## NEWSLETTER

### WELCOME, MARCH!

*madness & all...*

March is [Women's History Month](#), designated by Congress in 1987. The US joins the United Kingdom and Australia in celebrating the contributions of women to events in history & contemporary society throughout March!

Check out some of WHAT'S NEXT for us here at the City of Lawton:

- [Literacy Tutoring, Adultish Crafts and more:](#) Through March @Lawton Public Library
- ["Barbershop goes to Washington" performance:](#) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. 3/14/20 @McMahon Memorial Auditorium
- [Learn Lawton:](#) 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 3/19/20, meet at BOJ
- **US PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY is 3/3/2020 – [View sample ballots](#)**



**MARCH 2020**  
**CITY MANAGERS OFFICE**  
**580.581.3301**



*Milestone*

*Moment*

*CMS  
students  
visit City  
Hall*



Special Education students from Central Middle School visited Lawton City Hall last month and very much enjoyed a tour of Council Chambers from Mayor Stan Booker! They then made rounds to each office in the building, took lots of pictures and absolutely loved meeting so many staff members!

**THANKS** to all who made their visit so much fun!



CONGRATULATIONS!

*On your Years of  
Service!*

*MORE THAN 50 staff  
members celebrate  
anniversaries for years of  
service in March!*

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the  
*YOS Report from Human  
Resources.*



**HAPPY, HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

**March Employee Birthdays:**

Antonio Chavez	James Watson	Kelea Fisher
Anthony Crawford	Larry Huck	David Dixon
Adonnis McGee	George Kroboth III	Kevin McRae
David Rolando	Danny Hamblin	Ruben Brown
Robert Puccino	Kendra Hallagin	Kyle Keller
Mike McDaniel	Michael Boudreaux	Bobbie Carson
Cody Crabtree	Orlando Kreizenbeck	Damon Bybee
Zaide Richards	Russell Stobaugh	Charles Kiles
Johnathan Nix	James Bonnarens	Joel Abbe
Tonya Criger	Christopher French	Kyle Elam
Wilfred Skiffington	Michele Stallcup	Jerry Thorne
Traci Hushbeck	Michael Andersen	Ryan Wells
Anthony Birchfield	David Folkert	Elijah Hoyt
Matthew Godwin	Aaron Ferguson	Daniel Lynch
Charlotte Brown	James Cunningham	Alana Wheeler
Jonathan Stone	Kevin Hardzog	Eddie Rivera
Michael Wright	Madison Leonhart	Mark Mason
Joshua Foreman	Itaska Rountree	Rose Wilson
Rondell Seratte	Kevin Paddyaker	Pennie Wolfe
Candace Williams	Jordan Teeter	Seth Mallow
Deborah Jones	Jacob Bridges	Roger Taylor
Sandra Malicoat	Angela Richards	Robert Hinkle
Timothy Romero		



The 2020 Capital Improvement Plan – “PROPEL” – was approved by City voters on Feb. 11, 2020, providing a pathway for elected officials and City leadership to make much needed upgrades and enhancements across the community.

Categories of improvement, as part of the program, include: parks and beautification, youth development, roads/sidewalks, site renovation, arts & humanities, water/sewer infrastructure, technology, industrial development and public transportation.

“Lawton is a community worth investing in, as demonstrated by voters today at the polls,” said City Manager Michael Cleghorn. “Our administration is pleased to move forward with the many plans and projects outlined in the 2020 CIP. Staff will work alongside the people we serve for the utmost community involvement and outreach throughout the initiatives of this program, and at the direction of Lawton City Council.”

City Management and elected officials took part in more than 50 interactive community meetings and public forums from November 2019 through Feb. 10, in an effort to educate citizens on the proposition.

**WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!**

**New City Hires**

**Chelsey Franco**  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

**Alex Moore**  
PUBLIC UTILITIES

**Christopher Johnson**  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Ethan Young**  
PUBLIC UTILITIES

**Zaide Richards**  
PUBLIC UTILITIES

**Michael Higgins**  
PUBLIC WORKS

**Joseph Bowers**  
PUBLIC WORKS

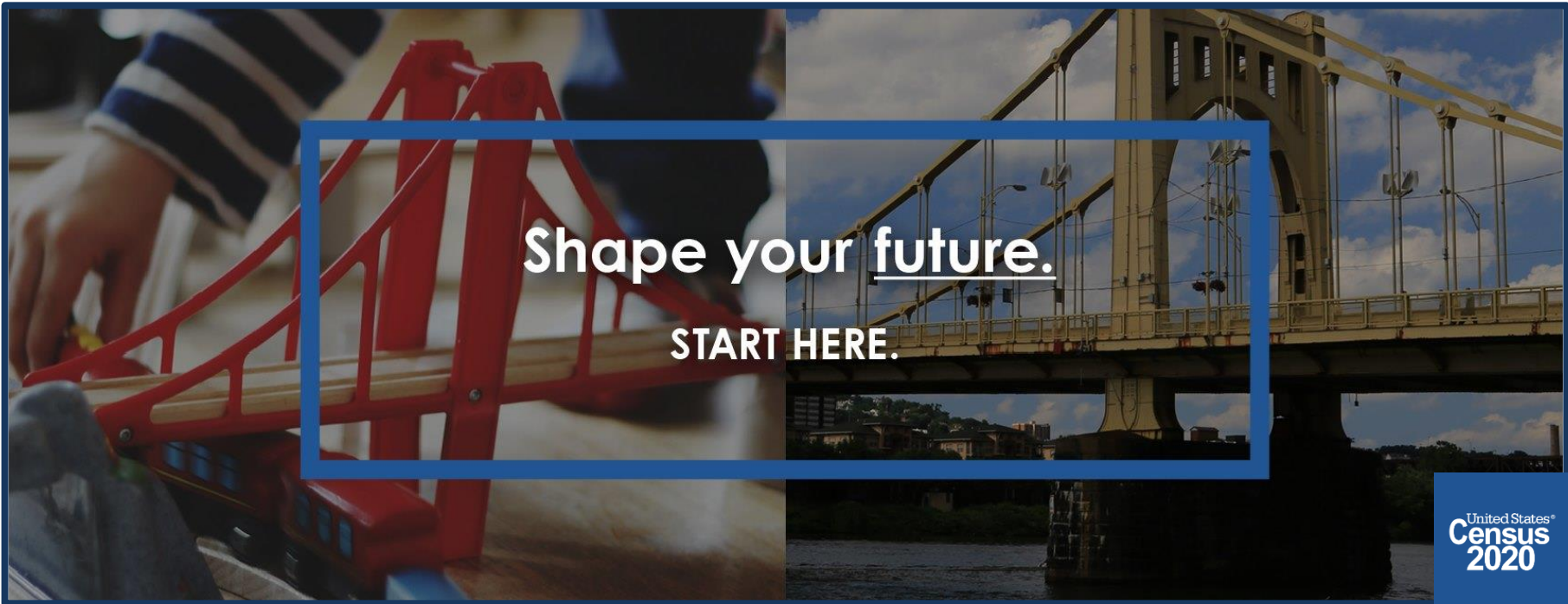
**Kelly Hall-Werner**  
FINANCE

**Austin Bleckler**  
PUBLIC WORKS

**Marisa Hernandez**  
POLICE







## 2020 CENSUS – The count begins THIS MONTH!

The U.S. Census proportionally allocates funding for more than 130 federal programs including Medicaid, Housing and CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding, school lunch programs and highway funding. Information provided through the upcoming 2020 Census will dictate such federal funding allocations for the City of Lawton **for the next 10 years!** Participation from citizens is imperative for the sustainability of critical programs within the community.

**Q: When can I respond to the 2020 Census?**

A: Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will be delivered to homes between March 12-20. Once you receive that invitation, you can respond online, by phone, or by mail.

**Q: Who Is Required To Respond?**

A: Everyone living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) is required by law to be counted in the 2020 Census.

**Q: How can I learn more?**

A: Visit [2020Census.gov](https://2020census.gov) or get involved at the local level by contacting Travis Estep in the Planning Department, 580.581.3375.

**“LIVE WELL, WORK WELL” ~ View the March 2020 Higginbotham Newsletter [by clicking here](#)**



City of Lawton partners with Lawton Public Schools for second year on Mentorship & Development Program – “AIM for Lawton”



Adapted from [LPS News Release](#) via LPS Communications Dpt. FEBRUARY 2020

A group of 20 Lawton Public School sophomores are setting their sights on the future with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual A.I.M. (Apprenticeship, Internship, Mentorship) for Lawton program, which took place the second week of February 2020.

A.I.M. is a leadership and career development program that connects LPS students with local experts and professionals who can help them grow. Executive director of Student Services Mark Mattingly says the students learn teambuilding skills, network with local industry leaders and find out what kind of awesome opportunities exist right here in the Lawton community.

A.I.M. lasts for three days and two nights but even before the big event begins, students are already hard at work. In November, sophomores were teamed up with a local professional who serves as their A.I.M. mentor. Mentors, like City of Lawton Public Works electronics technician James Peck, open up job shadowing opportunities prior to the 3-day program and continue working with the students over the course of A.I.M.

“The time with my mentee went by too fast,” Peck said. “We both had fun and he learned a lot during our day together.”

All of this and more is provided free for the selected students thanks to wonderful community partners and sponsors: Cameron University, City of Lawton, Great Plains Technology Center, Hilton Garden Inn, Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Lawton Fort Sill, Museum of the Great Plains, Sodexo, Soldier Express, and United Way of Southwest Oklahoma.

***Learn more at [LawtonPS.org](https://LawtonPS.org)***